

## ASSETS INCREASE

The Policy Holders of Late Kansas Mutual

Apparently Favored by Plan of Re-Insurance.

## TRUSTEESHIP PROFIT

Going to Benefit of Former Old Holders.

Illinois Life Makes a Good Showing.

George E. Cole, in charge of the Kansas office of the Illinois life insurance company, made an explicit statement today in regard to the distribution of the funds and bonus of the old Kansas Mutual, furnishing a compilation of the assets of the company at the time the receivership closed, showing that during the four months of the receivership, the assets increased \$45,000.

Mr. Cole says:

"The actuaries appointed as special masters by Judge Hook to determine the equities of the Kansas Mutual policy holders in the company's funds and the bonus of \$100,000 paid for the business by the Illinois life are rapidly completing their work. They have found it necessary to go over the records of the old company for the past twenty years. It is expected that inside of thirty days the Illinois life will be able to advise the policy holders of their individual credits as determined by the actuaries.

"The indications are that the plan of reinsurance will be found very satisfactory by the policy holders.

"The actuaries have in hand the apportionment of a much larger sum than the assets of the Kansas Mutual amounted to on the day the trustees took charge of the business. The statement of assets furnished to the trustees by the officers of the old company showed assets of \$27,000 on February 20, 1903. The trustees scheduled the Kansas Mutual assets on June 30 at \$72,000, which valuation the Illinois life agreed to. This amount, plus the \$100,000 paid for the business, makes a total of \$172,000 which is \$145,000 in excess of the assets of the Kansas Mutual on the day the trustees took charge."

In explaining the disposition of the \$124,000 of surplus which the Illinois life represented in its circulars May 26, 1903, Mr. Cole said that the \$124,000 would be distributed to the Kansas Mutual policy holders, in addition to the \$100,000 bonus. In addition to this, Mr. Cole said, the Illinois life has set aside for the benefit of policy holders an accumulated fund as required by Section 101 of the insurance law. Other portions are set aside in like manner for the payment of dividends on the old 1883 plan of policies. It all goes for the carrying out of the contracts made by the Kansas Mutual with their policy holders, except such portion as has been decided to be the surplus subject to distribution. In addition to this surplus, then, we have the \$45,000 earned as net profit during the receivership, and the \$100,000 bonus.

The Illinois life circulars of May 26, 1903, issued May 26 last, ten days after the final report of the trustees, made the following statement, as quoted in this paper yesterday:

"This company proposes that the entire surplus assets over and above death claims and legal reserve, approximately \$124,000, be paid out to the policy holders. This work is now in the hands of the actuaries.

After the issuance of this circular the court said this \$124,000 of listed assets should be set aside for the purpose of carrying out the agreements with the old policy holders who had taken their insurance in 1883 and 1888 under a plan which was later abandoned. This order of the court disposed of the bulk of this \$124,000 involved, but of course it all goes to policy holders.

Mr. Cole will make no estimate on the liabilities of the company at the time the receivership closed, because he says that a matter which was in the hands of the actuaries, Mr. Brinkhoff of Illinois, and Mr. Upton of Kansas.

Mr. Cole says today that the statements made in the State Journal last evening were misleading to the general reader and that the facts recited in the quotation credited to the actuaries do not apply to the condition of the Illinois company at the present time, but simply referred to the condition of affairs at the time the receivership was closed. Mr. Cole was one, made its report in May last, that he made no reference to \$124,000 surplus, nor to any deficit, that there will be no deficit.

Mr. Cole expresses the unqualified opinion that the policy holders of the old Kansas Mutual life are in the best possible condition under the circumstances.

It will certainly be a matter of congratulation for our readers who were policy holders in the Kansas Mutual to learn that all of the policies of the old company, the disputed ones of '88 and '89, as well as the later ones, are to be carefully carried out and that a fund for this purpose has been set aside. Under this condition some of the older policy holders will receive from five hundred to seven hundred dollars coming to them. The other holders, however, and the great majority of them will receive their equitable share of the surplus and their reinsurance dividend.

Chambers Said the Lord Had Commanded Him to Move On.

Urbana, O., Nov. 18.—While sitting in the Methodist church in Urbana, 26 miles northwest of Urbana, Cory Chambers said he had received a call from the Lord to move on. He immediately arose from his seat during the revival sermon and started to walk. He was still walking when he was arrested in this city today by Chief of Police McGree. He had walked all night. He was well dressed and appeared sane except on the one question.

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## MANY WANT COAL.

Mr. Hale Says the Demand Is Very Great.

The cold wave has driven many people to seek aid from Mr. Hale, the county poor commissioner.

## TROUTMAN REFUSES.

Would Not Present Pollock Charges to Committee.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The committee on the Kansas congressional delegation called on Mr. Troutman this morning and asked him to present his charges against Pollock to the delegation. This Mr. Troutman declined to do, assigning no reason but stating that he would give a reason for his action at the meeting of the delegation to-morrow morning. He stated that he would file the charges with the president at the proper time.

Mr. Pollock met President Roosevelt this morning for the first time, being met at the White House by Senator Long who introduced him.

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## AT THE CAPITAL.

Mr. Ware Makes His Appointment of a Secretary.

Kansas Man Doesn't Get the Place After All.

## SENT FOR C. S. GLEED.

But President Roosevelt Didn't Discuss Judgeship.

Congressman Curtis' Friends Pleased Over His Assignment.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The promotion of one of the examining the pension office to be private secretary to Eugene Ware, disposes of the theory that he will bring a Kansas man here in that capacity. When Mr. Ware came here it was understood that he would choose a Kansas man for this position, in fact it was known that he had selected a man for the place, but after he became familiar with the duties of the office, he decided that the appointment of a new and inexperienced clerk was out of the question. For several months he retained O. S. Terry of Tennessee, who served as private secretary of H. Clay Evans during his administration of the office, but recently Mr. Terry was sent to the field in the capacity of special examiner of the pension bureau, and Mr. Schreeder was promoted to the vacant position.

The private secretary to the commissioner of pensions must know something about pension law and the routine duties of the office, so that the promotion of one of the employees of the bureau is the most natural thing under the circumstances, and in conformity with Mr. Ware's policy of rewarding faithful and efficient service.

The record of work in the pension bureau shows that in four months ending November 1, the bureau has passed upon 50 per cent more claims than were disposed of during the last four months of the Evans administration. The work of the pension bureau is now in an excellent shape that a claim filed at this time would be adjudicated just as soon as it could have time to pass through the routine of the office. This simply means that since Mr. Ware has been in office he has managed the affairs of the pension bureau with such judgment and efficiency as to bring the work down to date, and that applicants for a pension will not again experience the long and vexatious delays to which they have hitherto been subjected. All of which is gratifying to the friends of Mr. Ware, although not pleasant news for the influence, both in the case and in the nature of the work, to which they have hitherto been subjected. All of which is gratifying to the friends of Mr. Ware, although not pleasant news for the influence, both in the case and in the nature of the work, to which they have hitherto been subjected.

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## BREAKING POINT.

It Has Nearly Been Reached in Relations With Colombia.

Further Advances Are Awaited With Anxiety at Washington.

## A TREATY IS DRAWN.

Main Features of Canal Convention Agreed Upon.

Between Secretary Hay and Panama Representative.

Washington, Nov. 18.—It is learned here that the situation at Bogota has assumed a critical phase as far as relations between the United States and Colombia are concerned. Minister Beaupre on the 16th instant was pressed strongly by the Colombian government to know whether the United States intended to recognize the republic of Panama. It is understood that the request was in such shape as to constitute a menace in the event that the recognition had been extended. Mr. Beaupre was instructed by this government to again inform the Colombian government that such recognition had been extended to the new republic of Panama by the United States, but simply in the interest of humanity and civilization and in execution of solemn treaty obligations binding upon the United States. He also was instructed to tender to the Colombian government the good offices of the United States to effect a settlement of the difficulties between Colombia and Panama. The issue is awaited with some anxiety here.

Mr. Beaupre, as has been stated, has been granted leave of absence by the state department and he remains for himself of the leave. As an earnest desire of the state department to continue on friendly terms with the Colombian government, it is pointed out that without direct action on the part of the department is disposed to do everything in its power to save any equities Colombia may have in the Isthmus.

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## HOOK IS CONFIRMED.

Senate Acts Favorably on a Number of Appointments.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The senate in executive session has confirmed the following nominations:

John G. Foster, Vermont, consul general at Ottawa, Canada.

Consuls—Luther T. Ellsworth, Ohio, at Cartagena, Colombia; Christopher H. Payne, West Virginia, at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Charles N. Danks, New York, at Callao, Peru; Charles N. Danks, Connecticut, at Sheffield, England; Perry Hall, New Hampshire, at Port Limon, Costa Rica; Edward Higgins, Massachusetts, at Bern, Switzerland; Urban J. Jedou, Maine, at Prague, Austria.

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## BEATEN BACK.

Rebels Fail to Enter Capital of San Domingo.

Severe Fighting Is Reported on the Island.

## RECOGNITION ASKED.

Jimenez Faction Calls on the United States.

To Place It in Class With Panama Rebels.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, November 18.—Severe fighting took place last night around the city. The rebels were prevented from entering the capital. The loss of the rebels is not known.

The United States cruiser Baltimore landed marines to protect American interests. Guards were placed at the American legation and consulate and the Clyde steamship agency. The situation otherwise is unchanged.

All is quiet this morning, but a new attack is expected at any moment.

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## THIS WAS COLDER.

Mercury Reached a Minimum of 12 Today.

The minimum temperature recorded by the government thermometer this morning was 12 degrees above zero, two degrees lower than the minimum for Tuesday morning.

The forecast now thinks that the weather will become milder. The forecast sent out for Kansas today is "Fair tonight and Thursday. Rising temperature west portion." The forecast probably expected the weather to moderate about 10 degrees. The rising temperature wave may not be felt materially in Topeka before Thursday.

The minimum temperatures recorded at the Kansas stations for the 24 hours ending this morning at 7 o'clock were as follows:

Dodge City 4, Concordia 10, Wichita 12, Kansas City 15. The highest barometer in the west was centered in western Kansas this morning, having moved down from the northwest where the cold started. The full force of the cold wave has therefore reached Topeka. The coldest weather reported is 26 below at Havre. The wind in Topeka has been from the northwest, blowing 12 miles an hour.

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